Statement

Quantity and Value of Gold Imported under NRI Scheme From 1992 to 1997

AIRPORT	YEAR											
	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		1997 (upto June, 97)	
	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
AHD	11.600	49	20.650	91	687.000	3192	19676.396	95322	3833.682	19896	1367.131	6537
DEL	9747.000	41390	21468.000	94160	29622.000	137635	83547.083	404742	56396.820	292688	32035.388	153186
BOM	46706.000	198335	46089.000	202155	49054.000	227924	1830.330	8867	59013.294	306267	64061.564	306328
MAD	17411.000	73935	18461.000	80973	24820.000	115323	40405.843	219968	53700.100	278692	25721.537	122994
CAL	61.900	263	342.100	1501	103.300	480	57.876	280	68.331	355	1149.602	5497
TRIV	5536.000	23508	6430.000	28203	3323.000	15440	3123.667	15133	3331.490	17290	1588.826	7597
CALC	12693.000	53900	23426.000	102751	50777.000	235929	71074.740	344320	74947.991	388964	51182.796	245223
ORS	32.700	139	22.620	99	23.960	111	3321.243	16090	4387.410	22770	2697.885	12910
TOTAL	92199.200	391519	116259.370	509933	158410.260	736034	228037.178	1104722	255679.118	1326922	179904.779	860263

KEY QTY IN KGS

VALUE IN RS. LAKHS

MRTP Act

1765. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Investigation and Registration, New Delhi has called the attention of all concerned engaged in any trade or service to know if they have entered into any agreements (oral or written) with any party containing any of the restrictive clauses enumerated under Section 33(1) of MRTP Act;

(b) if so, the reasons received thereto by DG(I&R);

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that many companies like Hindustan Lever, Ponds India Ltd., Nestle India Ltd., Colgate India Ltd. have restricted their authorised stockists to restrict their sales in a given area orally; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The Director General of Investigation and Registration (DGI&R) has called attention of all concerned engaged in any trade or service to take immediate steps to register with his office under Section 35 of the MRTP Act, 1969 any agreement (oral or written) with any party containing any of the restrictive clauses enumerated under Section 33(1) of the Act. However, no response has been received by the DGI&R so far.

(d) No such case has come to the notice of the DGI&R.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Tiny Industries

1766. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI:

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for evolving an Industrial policy, separately for the development of tiny industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number if tiny industries functioning in the country;

(d) the total estimated value of annual production of these units;

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to set up industrial complexes for these industries; and

(f) if so, the details there of and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of the package for the tiny sector are being worked out.

(c) The actual number of tiny units functioning in the country at present is not available.The 2nd All-India Census of Registered Small Scale Industries Units was carried out for the units registred upto 31st March, 1988. As per this Census, 10.55 lakh SSI units were registered out of which 6.10 lakh units were found working, but data could be collected from 5.82 lakh units only. Out of total registered units for which data were collected, 95.9 percent of the total registered SSI units were tiny units having investment in plant and machinery below Rs. 5 lakhs. During 1995-96, there were 20.84 lakh regisreted SSI units in the country. Going by the same ratios of working units and the tiny units, it is estimated that by the end of 1995-96 about 11.56 iakh registered tiny units were functioning in the country.

(d) No information on the annual Production of tiny units is available.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

Impact of Import on Domestic Wire and Cable Industry

1767. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have surveyed the impact of its import policy on the domestic wire and cable industry;

(b) if so, the findings thereof especially due to the permitted project import of all equipments including wire & cables for power and industrial projects; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to rationalise the situation vis-a-vis import of cables and domestic cables so that the Indian Cable Industry can compete with foreign suppliers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Ministry of Commerce has not conducted any survey of the Impact of Import policy on the domestic Wire and Cable Industry.

Financial Irregularities

1768. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No.4285 dated March 21, 1997 regarding 'financial irregularities' and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government there-on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news-item appearing in the Dainik Jagaran dated 18 December, 1996 refers, inter-alia, to 'imbalances' in primary co-operative societies and reported financial irregularities in a large number of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). While the responsibility of overseeing the working of PACS vests with the State Government, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been entrusted with the responsibility of inspecting Co-operative banks under the provisions of Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Accordingly, NABARD has been periodically inspecting these institutions.

NABARD has reported that Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Uttar Pradesh had ordered an investigation into the allegations, the findings of which have revealed, inter-alia, that the actual amount of imbalances as on 31st March, 1995 stood at Rs.245.50 crores instead of Rs. 1200.00 crores, as reported in the newspaper. The factors responsible for these imbalances are, inter-allia, insufficient margins in disbursement of short-term credit, utilisation of recoveries in meeting the cost of management, levying of interest on the existing amount of imbalances, adjustment of recoveries towards losses on account of wastage of seeds and fertilizers, inadequate margin in consumer business and fair price shops and non-levying of interest when the amount of interest becomes equal to the principal.

(c) With a view to avoid recurrence of the problem of imbalances, an action plan has been drawn to make societies viable which, inter-alia, envisages introduction of a proper head of account to reflect cost of management. Instructions have been issued to ensure that the payment of wages to the employees of societies should invariably be made from out of the above head of account. Further introduction of financial discipline regarding recovery of atleast 40% of demand has left an impact on the banks and they are making vigorous follow-up to ensure better recovery performance. It is expected that this would help in removing the problem of default at society level.

Rewards to Informers of Income Tax

1769. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases relating to giving rewards to those informers on the basis of those information